

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

MODIFICATION TO THE FILING SCHEDULE OF	)	
THE INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN OF BIG	)	CASE NO. 97-296
RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION	)	

O R D E R

By letter dated August 25, 1998, Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") requested that the Commission modify the filing schedule of Big Rivers' Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") due on April 21, 1999. Big Rivers' request is pursuant to Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:058, Section 2(1)(c), which permits the Commission to modify electric utility IRP filing schedules "for good cause shown."

Big Rivers' letter refers to its 1997 request to extend the filing schedule until it emerged from bankruptcy, completed its rate case, and filed its open access tariff with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. It states that these matters have all been settled and that it is prepared to begin the IRP process very soon. However, Big Rivers states that a change in the IRP filing schedule is necessary because of the time involved in preparing an IRP and because of the need to coordinate its IRP effort with the completion of its next Power Requirements Study, or load forecast, which is required by the Rural Utilities Service in July 1999.

Big Rivers requests that the Commission modify Big Rivers' IRP filing schedule by six months, to extend the filing date from April 21, 1999, to October 21, 1999. Big

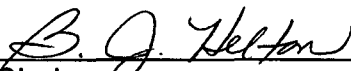
Rivers states that such modification will allow it sufficient time to prepare its 1999 Power Requirements study and incorporate those results in its IRP filing.

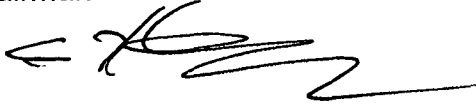
Upon consideration of Big Rivers' request and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds there is sufficient justification to grant Big Rivers' request to modify its IRP filing schedule.

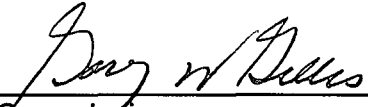
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Big Rivers' IRP, previously scheduled to be filed by April 21, 1999, shall be filed on or before October 21, 1999.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of October, 1998.

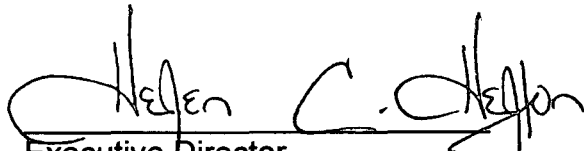
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